

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell Scott Circle, 1500 Rhode Island Ave., Dear Alec:

Can you not ask to correct your testimony of yesterday so as to make it appear that your "reply in the affirmative" was given under a misapprehension of the nature of the question? Beyond the possible prejudice to our cause likely to rise in the mind of the public from the idea of our great wealth is the constant petty annoyance to which I shall be exposed. Seeing letters are easily left unanswered — not so personal appeals — especially from acquaintances for charitable purposes. Tradespeople also are only too apt to over-charge, justifying themselves on the score of our great wealth and these over-charges in the end amount to a sum that is very appreciable on our moderate income.

The exact number of shares now held by us is (by my book) 2038 amount of income last year received from them \$32,380.00 of which \$8,152.00 was extra dividend. My total income and capital from all sources on 1st. January 1885 was \$806,475.50 Not received of course to give details but say less than one tenth of the amount attributed.

Yours, M.